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SUBJ: TURKISH COMMENTS ON IZMIR RCD SUMMIT

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SUMMARY-FOREIGN MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR RCD IN DIS-  
CUSSING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF IZMIR CONFERENCE PREFERRED TO ACCEN-  
TUATE POSITIVE RATHER THAN NEGATIVE OF WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED.  
ADMITTING THAT HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY INFORMED REGARDING NATURE  
OF PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS OF CHIEFS OF STATE, HE NEVERTHELESS FELT THAT  
AGREEMENT TO DRAFT TREATY OF IZMIR THUS FORMALIZING RCD ON NEW BASIS  
AND ARRANGEMENTS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE RATHER TENUOUS TOWARDS  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE TRADE AREA WERE AS MUCH AS COULD HAVE BEEN  
REALISTICALLY EXPECTED FROM IZMIR SUMMIT. END SUMMARY

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1. MFA DEPUTY CHIEF OF RCD AFFAIRS SINASI AKCAY TOLD EMBOFF

THAT HE FELT PARTS I AND II OF COMMUNIQUE (TREATY OF IZMIR AND " STEPS TO ESTABLISH FREE TRADE AREA WITHIN A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS") WERE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENS. TURKEY WAS UNDER NO ILLUSIONS, HOWEVER, THAT INCREASED RCD COOPERATION OUTSIDE PRESENT AREAS OF CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WOULD BE EASILY ATTAINED.

2. RATIFICATION OF A TREATY OF IZMIR WOULD LEAD TO EXPANSION AND GROWTH OF RCD SECRETARIAT. AKCAY POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD GIVE SECRETARIAT GREATER AUTHORITY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESENT PROGRAMS AND BIGGER ROLE IN PLANNING NEW ONES. WHILE ADMITTING THAT THE ANALOGY WAS NOT COMPLETELY COMPARABLE, AKCAY SAID THAT EEC SECRETARIAT HAD IN AND OF ITSELF PROVED TO BE FORCE FOR EUROPEAN UNITY. RCD INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT IN MINISCULE MIGHT PROVE TO BE UNIFYING FORCE FOR RCD.

3. AKCAY STATED THAT EARLIER MEETINGS OF UNDERSECRETARIES AND MINISTERS OF COMMERCE IN TEHRAN HAD PROVED THAT THERE WERE MAJOR DIFFERENCES AMONGST THE COUNTRIES ON APPROACH TO FREE TRADE AREA. EXPANSION OF RCD INTO ECONOMIC AREA, HOWEVER, WHICH IS DESIRED BY ALL STATES, REQUIRES THAT MAJOR EFFORT BE MADE TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF FREE TRADE AREA. HE HIMSELF WAS DECIDEDLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A " RCD FREE TRADE AREA" WITHIN THE 10 YEARS SPECIFIED, BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT PROGRESS ON INCREASED TRADE BETWEEN THE THREE COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE ATTEMPTED.

4. AKCAY MENTIONED DIFFICULTIES WITH IRANIANS RECREATION OF SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK AND REGIONAL SHIPPING COMPANY. ON ONE HAND, IRANIANS ARE DECIDEDLY SUSPICIOUS OF TURKISH AND PAKISTANI ATTEMPTS TO SET UP REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS EVEN UNDER EQUAL NATIONAL FINANCING. IRAN SEEMS TO SEE THIS AS BEGINNING OF ATTEMPT TO EXTRACT INCREASED FINANCIAL CREDITS FROM IRAN. ON OTHER HAND, AKCAY MENTIONED GOT CONCERN THAT OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS A COMBINED SHIPPING LINE MIGHT BECOME SUBSERVIENT TO IRANIAN INTERESTS BECAUSE OF GREATER FINANCIAL RESOURCES IRAN CAN BRING TO BEAR.

5. ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RCD INSTITUTES IN IRAN, ISLAMABAD AND ANTALYA, AKCAY MENTIONED THAT MFA HAD ACCEPTED THESE WITH NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEM. AFTER CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, MFA IN DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER IMPLEMENTING MINISTRIES HAS RUN INTO WITHERING CRITICISM. TECHNICAL MINISTRIES ARE SCORNFUL OF CONTRIBUTION IRAN CAN MAKE IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ARE ANNOYED THAT MOST MINOR INSTITUTE, THAT OF TOURISM, WILL BE LOCATED IN "MOST ADVANCED COUNTRY OF THE THREE."

6. AKCAY MADE NO COMMENT WITH REGARD TO THE TURKISH ACTION

TO BHUTTO'S INITIATIVES FOR NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, BUT  
WE WILL MAKE A LOW-KEY PROBE IN THIS REGARD AT A HIGHER LEVEL  
AS AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY IS PRESENTED.  
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